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1. TRANSMITTED HERewith ARE OFFICIAL FIGURES FOR THE
NUMBER OF ETHNIC GERMANS ARRIVING IN THE FRG FROM FOUR
EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES FROM APRIL TO JUNE, 1978.

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MONTH	POLAND	USSR	ROMANIA	CZECHO	TOTAL
APRIL	2,899	877	964	43	4,786
MAY	2,484	657	888	84	4,113
JUNE	3,272	600	1,041	104	5,017

YEAR TO

DATE	16,554	4,731	4,999	354	26,638
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2. TRANSMITTED BELOW ARE THE NUMBER OF VISAS WHICH WERE ISSUED BY FRG EMBASSIES IN THESE FOUR COUNTRIES. THESE FIGURES ARE SOMEWHAT LESS THAN THOSE IN PARA 1 (THE NUMBER OF EMIGRANTS ACTUALLY ARRIVING IN THE FRG) AND THE DIFFERENCE GENERALLY REFLECTS THE NUMBER OF EMIGRANTS WHO HAVE LEFT EASTERN EUROPE USUALLY AS TOURISTS AND HAVE ILLEGALLY (FROM THE EASTERN POINT OF VIEW) CHOSEN TO STAY IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC.

MONTH	POLAND	USSR	ROMANIA	CZECHO	TOTAL
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APRIL	2,067	723	771	30	3,591
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MAY	2,774	708	956	127	4,555
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JUNE	3,044	592	825	102	4,563
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YEAR TO

DATE	15,243	4,716	4,470	355	24,784
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3. POLAND: EMIGRATION WAS WELL ABOVE THE BENCHMARK FIGURE OF 2,500 IN MAY-JUNE AND PRELIMINARY FIGURES FOR JULY ARE ALSO ENCOURAGING. WHILE SATISFIED THAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EMIGRATION IS PROCEEDING SMOOTHLY, THE FOREIGN OFFICE CONTINUES TO MONITOR THESE FIGURES CLOSELY.

4. USSR: THE FOREIGN OFFICE REMAINS PLEASED WITH THE PRESENT RATE OF EMIGRATION. ACCORDING TO THE FRG EMBASSY IN MOSCOW THE SOVIETS HAVE INFORMALLY INDICATED THAT ABOUT 10,000 ETHNIC GERMANS WILL BE ALLOWED TO EMIGRATE IN 1978. IN 1977, 9,119 ETHNIC GERMANS DEPARTED.

5. ROMANIA: FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIALS ARE NOT TOTALLY SATISFIED WITH BUCHAREST'S PERFORMANCE THUS FAR. EMIGRATION THROUGH APRIL WAS SOMEWHAT BELOW THE 1977 LEVEL OF 820 PER MONTH AND CONSIDERATION WAS BEING GIVEN TO A LOW-LEVEL EXPRESSION OF CONCERN TO THE ROMANIANS. THIS IDEA MAY NOW BE DISCARDED IN VIEW OF THE INCREASE IN THE MAY/JUNE FIGURES.

6. CZECHOSLOVAKIA: THE SUDDEN INCREASE IN EMIGRATION IS APPARENTLY LINKED TO CZECH AGREEMENT, DURING HUSAK'S VISIT, TO GRANT 300 EXIT PERMITS TO ETHNIC GERMANS. THE FOREIGN OFFICE IS PLEASED WITH THIS SIZEABLE INCREASE, NOTING THAT EMIGRATION DURING THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF

1978 HAS ALREADY MATCHED THE TOTALS FOR ALL OF 1977.

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